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Draft of CIA recommendations concerning the exploitation of non-scientific Chinese publications presented to the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications.

1. The following recommendations (according to the agenda of this Subcommittee) are addressed to FDD in terms of FDD's two-fold responsibility regarding exploitation: First, to coordinate the present and future exploitation efforts in this field; and second, to conduct necessary exploitation itself.

What current publications should be covered? [2a.]*

2. All current publications of intelligence value should be covered, but this coverage to be in varying degrees.

[Current here is meant those publications currently received by an exploitation group of the intelligence agencies. Obviously, some common-sense rules should obtain here. Materials (particularly of the press and periodicals) currently received but possessing earlier publication dates than materials already exploited within the IAC should be covered only for that which modifies or adds to information extant.]

Basically, all such publications should receive some abstract treatment or bibliographic annotation which would allow for additional exploitation at a later time as specific needs arise. In the newspaper category, such a complete treatment is requested only for two Chinese papers regularly received. For the balance of the newspapers, only certain categories of information should be systematically exploited. Ordinarily excluded from any exploitation are two categories of Chinese publications: Mainland Chinese material published prior to Chinese Communist control over mainland and for the most part all Chinese Nationalist publications except as specifically requested in current, covert, or geographic intelligence needs.

Which publications and which subjects should receive priority processing? [2b.]*

3. Newspapers should receive a sustained and strong exploitation effort. Newspapers irregularly received (that is, covertly and otherwise not being covered in the Hong Kong Press Unit) should be treated with the greatest exploitation

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effort. In general, periodicals should not be exploited beyond the annotation or description of contents, the additional effort to be used for subsequent coordinated requirements. Books should not be exploited beyond the annotation or description of contents until specific requirements are received, and these satisfactorily coordinated among consumers. Subject processing should be determined through the specific projects initiated by intelligence and planning components of CIA (DD/I and DD/P). These projects would generally involve a need for economic, geographic, and political information.

What method(s) of exploitation should be used? [2c.]*

4. FDD should prepare abstracts within all three groups of materials. For the Press, this treatment is requested of two Chinese papers. It is important that, however the administration of this effort is finally determined, the abstracting should be conducted with the spirit of briefly informing other intelligence officers as to what is contained in the publication. For other exploitation efforts (in response to specific requests), the compilation form is requested.

What method(s) of reporting should be used? [2d.]*

5. Information as to what is available should be reported monthly; specific requirements can be planned for monthly and quarterly reports, or as completed.

What part of the effort should be set aside for specific searches in non-current publications and the preparation of comprehensive digests or compilations? [2e.]*

6. The effort in non-current exploitation which represents a part of that portion of the work load devoted to specific requirements, should be in direct ratio to the need. [The initial effort undertaken by FDD to establish some reference aids for these materials has been a necessary prerequisite to present and future exploitation.]

Should FDD do only straight reporting or would insertion of factual comments be advisable where appropriate? [2f.]*

7. Factual comments, themselves properly documented, are desirable, if adequately separated from the material being reported.

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How can closer liaison between FDD and consumer analysts be developed? [2g.]*

8. Liaison can be improved by frequent and regular contact by analysts of consumer offices who know what is needed, and by FDD analysts, knowledgeable in terms of planned and existing requirements of other consumer offices.

Are present efforts effectively meeting the needs of the consumers? [3]*

9. Present efforts in exploitation services of the IAC agencies are not meeting the needs of the consumers effectively. One of these inadequacies is due to an apparent inability to coordinate exploitation efforts among groups in the IAC. Another of the inadequacies lies outside the exploitation itself, and is a part of the procurement and/or collection problem. The problem of Chinese publications is a little different from the Soviet publication problem, certainly as to the availability of materials (as well as in many other respects). Consequently, increased and successful collection efforts would allow the exploitation services to meet the needs of the consumers more effectively. These collection efforts would probably require the reassessment of consumer needs in terms of additional material received for exploitation.

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